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# MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Fields of Interest in Special Operations  
Under R & D's Charter

1. The field of interest of the R & D coordinating community<sup>if so</sup> on special operations includes intelligence per se as well as the results of intelligence which are useful to psychological and unconventional warfare. Wetter is struggling to clarify and even become clear himself on the R & D interest in intelligence. My understanding of his (R & D's) position on the fields of interest would be as follows:

- a. Intelligence research in support of psy-warfare;
- b. Research in support of psy-warfare policy planning and operations;
- c. Same as a and b for other unconventional warfare;
- d. Material research in support of (1) psy-warfare and (2) unconventional warfare;
- e. Research both material and non-material in support of intelligence -- research on intelligence techniques and methods.

2. This additional interest in how intelligence does or should operate comes about because "special operations" to people in Defense includes intelligence per se as a special operation.

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